

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for June 2:

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COLD WATER DANGERS AND SURVIVAL TIPS

Salt Lake City- Utah State Parks Boating Managers remind everyone that water temperatures remain very cold despite warmer air temperatures, and encourage all boaters, anglers and anyone on or near the water wear life jackets and take other precautions.

“You never know when you might end up in the water. Life jackets not only keep you afloat, but provide an extra layer of warmth,” said Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller. “The combination of additional warmth and flotation might mean the difference between life and death.”

Haller recommends these cold water boating safety tips:

- Have a ladder or a method to re-board your boat
- Carry a signaling device, such as a mirror or flare gun
- Carry a cell phone or marine band radio and make sure your device has service in the area
- Always tell someone your boating plans, including where you are going and what time you will return
- Check local weather conditions before heading out
- Carry proper equipment onboard your boat

For more information and to find current boating conditions, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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BOAT RENTALS AVAILABLE AT YUBA STATE PARK

Levan – Yuba State Park now offers boat, personal watercraft and off-highway vehicle rentals through Sequoia Motorsports. This concession service offers daily rentals, camping and boating supplies, and food served from the grill.

Yuba State Park offers boat-in camping, sandy beaches, off-highway vehicle riding, and warm waters for boating. Overnight camping is available in both developed and primitive sites. Reservations are available online at stateparks.utah.gov or by calling (801) 322-3770 within the Salt Lake calling area or toll free at (800) 322-3770.

Yuba State Park and Sequoia Motorsports are located 25 miles south of Nephi at exit 202 off I-15. For more information, please call (435) 758-2611.

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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WASATCH MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Midway - Utah State Parks and Recreation is seeking public comments through Wednesday, June 30 on a draft resource management plan (RMP) for Wasatch Mountain State Park.

The plan can be reviewed online at stateparks.utah.gov/planning or in hardcopy at Utah State Parks at 1594 West North Temple, Suite 116 in Salt Lake City or Wasatch Mountain State Park Visitor Center.

The draft RMP identifies issues relating to public use, resource management and future development at the park for the next 10 years. A planning team consisting of park users, local citizens, other agency representatives and park managers developed the draft plan through a series of team and public meetings.

Comments will be accepted through Wednesday, June 30 by:

E-mail: planscomment@utah.gov

Regular mail: Utah State Parks: Planning Section
P.O. Box 146001
1594 West North Temple, Suite 116
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6001

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

June 25 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Full Moon Hike: Join the park naturalist at 8:30 p.m. for a hike along the Pine Creek Nature Trail observing and talking about the full moon, nightlife and exploring the many wonders of the park. Meet at the pavilion parking lot. (435) 654-1791

June 25 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder
Harmonica Heaven: University of Utah Instructor James Major will conduct a workshop on how to play a harmonica. Free harmonicas will be given out. This program begins at 7 p.m. and is free to the public. (435) 335-7308
7:00 pm. No fee.

June 26 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Full Moon Hike: Join park staff on a sunset/moonrise hike to discover some night-time insects at the park. Meet at the neck parking lot at 8:30 p.m. for this one-mile hike. (435) 259-2614

June 26 Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum - Fillmore
Old Capitol Car Show: View classic and modified cars on the grounds of this historic territorial capitol. The Car Show is a culmination of the ATV Jamboree. (435) 743-5316

June 26 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Huber Grove History Tour: Tour historic Huber Grove from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit this beautiful, peaceful area and learn about unique Swiss architecture. Tour is free and open to the public. (435) 654-1791

June 26 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Junior Ranger Program - Is the Moon Made of Cheese? Children age six to 12 are invited to come and learn all about the moon, the solar system and lots of cool space stuff during this one-hour program designed to get kids excited about nature. Meet at the campground office at 1 p.m. (435) 654-1791

June 26 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Naturalist Skills - Plant Identification: Explore the plants of Antelope Island and seek out different plant species, learn how to identify them using a guide and find out some traditional uses. Be prepared to taste, feel, and explore the plant life! (801) 725-9263

June 26 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder
Guitar Seminar: Local musician Eric Scott conducts free guitar lessons at 10 a.m. Guitars are provided if you do not have your own. (435) 335-7308

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